

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1-4, 7-8, and 20 as follows (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~striketrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A suspension subframe for a vehicle, said subframe comprising:

a plurality of thin gauged metal tubes ~~standardized~~ suitable for use in vehicle exhaust systems, said thin gauged metal tubes affixed to each other; and

a structural foam material positioned within the thin gauged metal tubes, said structural foam selected from the group consisting of a cartridge-based foam material and a sprayable foam material.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the thin gauged metal tubes have a gauge of less than about 2 mm.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the thin gauged metal tubes have a gauge between about 0.9 mm and about 1.8 mm.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the thin gauged metal tubes have about a 1.5 mm gauge.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the structural foam material is selected from the group of polyurethane-based foams and epoxy-based foams.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the structural foam material is an epoxy-based foam.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the structural foam material is localized at specific points in the thin gauged metal tube.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A suspension subframe for a vehicle, said subframe comprising:

a plurality of thin gauged metal tubes ~~standardized~~ suitable for use in vehicle exhaust systems, each of said thin gauged metal tubes defined by metal walls having a gauge of about 1.5 mm; and

an epoxy-based structural foam material positioned within the thin gauged metal tubes, said structural foam material localized at predetermined areas in the t thin gauged metal tubes and selected from the group consisting of a cartridge inserted within said thin gauged metal tubes and a structural foam capable of being sprayed.

Claims 9 – 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said structural foam material comprises and able to be cured within said thin gauged metal tubes.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said structural foam material is selected from the group of polyurethane-based foams and epoxy-based foams.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said structural foam material comprises an epoxy-based foam.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said structural foam material comprises a structural foam capable of being sprayed.